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Good morning! If there's anything more aggravating than a Monday morning it's those spam calls that look like they're from your hometown. We can only help you with one of those, but at least that's one less thing you have to deal with. Find out how to make the calls stop by visiting **Metro.us.**

RELIEF ARRIVES TO RAVAGED RURAL AREAS

Puerto Rico's governor says efforts to restore cell service, gas and other basic needs to the island's rural residents are progressing, even as many in those towns report feeling forgotten. "I recognize that right now, whether it's the gas line or the ATM line, we're limited," Gov. Ricardo Rossello told Reuters in an interview on Saturday at the Puerto Rico Convention Center, the government's temporary headquarters. "But if you see the numbers," he said, "you see there is a steady path to improvement." More than half of Puerto Rico's 3.4 million people lack access to drinking water 11 days after Hurricane Maria hit the U.S. territory, and 95 percent remain without power, according to the U.S. Defense Department. Some are expected to be without power for months.

CATALAN LEADER OPENS DOOR TO SECESSION

Catalonia's regional leader opened the door to a unilateral declaration of independence from Spain after police used batons and rubber bullets to disrupt a banned referendum in a show of force Catalan officials say injured more than 800. Carles Puigdemont's comments followed a TV address by Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy who ruled out independence and accused separatists of trying to "blackmail ... the whole nation". He offered all-party talks on the region's future. The referendum has pitched the country into its deepest constitutional crisis in decades and deepened a rift between Madrid and Barcelona. "On this day of hope and suffering, Catalonia's citizens have earned the right to have an independent state in the form of a republic," Puigdemont said in a televised address.

INSIDE THE PARK

3 Nick Williams of the Phillies jumps into the arms of Odubel Herrera as he and Rhys Hoskins score on Williams' three-run inside-the-park home run against the New York Mets during the eighth inning of Sunday's game at Citizens Bank Park.

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5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

MNUCHIN: NO REGRETS OVER PLANE USE

U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said on Sunday he does not regret using a government plane to travel to Kentucky in August with his wife to view the solar eclipse and speak to business leaders, calling it "completely justifiable." Mnuchin's use of the plane at taxpayers' expense prompted an outcry from Democratic lawmakers and interest groups and spurred a government watchdog to begin examining whether it violated travel or ethics policies. "It was approved by the White House and there were reasons why we needed to use that plane that are completely justifiable," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press" program. Cabinet members rarely use government planes or chartered aircraft for domestic travel, but the practice has received significant attention in the wake of Mnuchin's trip.

SOME NFL PLAYERS KNEEL AGAIN IN UK

Some National Football League players knelt again when the U.S. national anthem was played before a game in London, defying President Donald Trump's renewed call to end their protest over racial injustice. The Fox television network's broadcast of the day's first game, at Wembley Stadium, showed three members of the Miami Dolphins kneeling as music star Darius Rucker performed "The Star Spangled Banner." All of the other uniformed Dolphins players and their opponents, the New Orleans Saints, were standing, many with their right hands over their chests. The three players who had knelt stood for the British anthem "God Save the Queen," which was also performed before the game Trump on Saturday renewed his sharp criticism of players who have refused to stand during the pregame ceremony.

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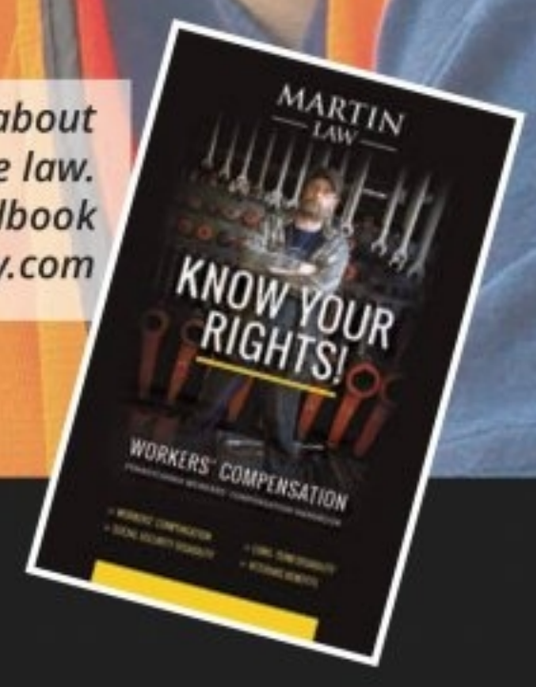

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If you receive a robocall, whatever you do, don't press 1. GETTY IMAGES

What you can do to fight back against robocalls

People nationwide will soon be receiving an onslaught of computerized phone calls.

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A number pops up on your phone. It's not in your address book, but the area code is from your hometown. Convinced it must be real, you pick it up. You know what happens next.

None of us are strangers to robocalls these days.

You might have wised up, but that doesn't make the calls – that now roll in with increased frequency – any less annoying. And we have some bad news for you: they're about to get worse. That's because the American Action Network (AAN), which is allied with House Speaker Paul Ryan, announced that it's going to start making one million robocalls in 45 congressional districts in an attempt to garner support for the Trump tax plan. States targeted in the campaign include California, Illinois, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas and Virginia. They've even released a list of all the districts targeted, so you can check to see if you can expect the phone to ring.

"The White House and congressional leaders have a bold plan that puts Americans first by cutting taxes for middle-class families and small businesses. Today, we are calling one million people across the country to make their voices heard and urge their representative to deliver a tax code that is simple, fair, and cuts taxes," Corry Bliss, the group's executive director, said in a statement last week.

First, what are robocalls?

Generally they're scammers — although as you see above, they can also be political campaigns that call you through the internet, which allows them to change their real phone numbers to look as if they're coming from your area code. Sneaky. Unfortunately, robocall software that enables this is widely available online for free.

No matter where you stand on the Trump tax plan, we're guessing you'd rather not receive a robocall urging you to act either way. But what can you do to avoid it?

Robocalls: How to stop them

We've got you covered on this one. But whatever you do, don't press 1 — unless you're eager for an onslaught of robocalls in the future. Pressing one for more information signals the software, confirming that you're a real, living, breathing human being that will engage with these calls. Often, when you take an action on a robocall, your information is stored and can then be sold to other companies — who will doubtlessly be eager to get in touch with you, since you already proved you're open to hearing more.

Instead, ignore the call and add your number to the National Do Not Call Registry. Then, like almost everything else in modern life, there's an app for that. Nomorobo, available on iPhone and coming soon to Android, will hang up on robocalls for you to spare you the bother. It will set you back $1.99 per month, but you'll get a 30-day free trial and spare yourself the tooth grinding. Or you can opt for YouMail, which is available for iPhone and Android, a service that automatically tells telemarketers and robocalls that your number is out of service so they don't try calling back again later.

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IN PUERTO RICO, STUCK ON STUPID AGAIN

"The president has shown again he don't give a damn about poor people."

Lt. Gen. Russel Honoré, right, stands aboard the USS Iwo Jima in New Orleans, Louisiana, after Hurricane Katrina. GETTY IMAGES

ANALYSIS

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Put Honoré in charge!

If Donald Trump really wants to rescue the 3.5 million hurricane-ravaged American citizens of Puerto Rico, he needs to dump the rah-rah Homeland Security secretary who sees Washington's response as a "good-news story" and is "very satisfied" with the results so far.

In her place: Who better than the hard-driving hero of Hurricane Katrina, retired Army Lt. Gen. Russel Honoré?

"Quit being stuck on stupid!" the order-barking general thundered in New Orleans.

Trump's woman coordinating Hurricane Maria relief, Elaine Duke, is clearly not up to the massive task. Or else she is reflecting her boss's hostility toward the island's "politically motivated ingrates" who have the audacity to believe they are just as American as the hurricane survivors of Texas and Florida — and just as deserving of federal help.

Duke's "good-news story" crack infuriated San Juan Mayor Carmen Yulín Cruz. This is "not a good-news story," the mayor fumed on CNN. "This is a people-are-dying story," she said. "When you're drinking from a creek, it's not a good-news story. When you don't have food for a baby, it's not a good-news story. When you have to pull people down from buildings — I'm sorry, that really upsets me and frustrates me."

The mayor does have a point.

In 2005, when Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast, and the federal levees broke in New Orleans, Lt. Gen. Honoré didn't swoop in on a cloud of happy talk. He ordered armed troops to lower their weapons — "We're on a rescue mission, damn it!" — and got everyone working together. Lives were on the line, and he got busy saving them.

When President Trump, holed up at his golf resort in New Jersey, launched a Twitter attack against Mayor Cruz, Lt. Gen. Honoré knew exactly how to tell the players apart. "The mayor's living on a cot," he responded, "and I hope the president has a good day at golf."

Saying Maria was even worse for Puerto Rico than Katrina was for New Orleans, he laid out his own rescue plan, starting with an attitude adjustment in Washington and a far larger commitment of U.S. troops. "The president has shown again he don't give a damn about poor people," the plain-spoken general said.

You know this plain-talking general would be ready for duty again.

Metro columnist Ellis Henican is the best-selling author of a dozen books including the upcoming "Trumpitude: The Secret Confessions of Donald's Brain." He is on Twitter @henican.

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Philly filmmaker's Bigfoot is Bill Murray

Tommy Avallone is seeking to document the famously quirky behavior of the "Groundhog Day" star.

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Some men hunt for buried treasure or wild game. For Philadelphia documentary filmmaker Tommy Avallone, his search is for something far more elusive, yet, weirdly hidden in plain sight: Bill Murray, the subject of his upcoming film "The Bill Murray Stories: Life Lessons Learned from a Mythical Man."

"Who he is in real life, and how — and why — he just pops up out of thin air to surprise unsuspecting victims intrigues me," the director-producer said with a laugh while on location for a Murray moment in Los Angeles.

This isn't the first time that the (mostly) comic actor from "Saturday Night Live," "Lost in Translation," and director-writer Wes Anderson's most inspired works (e.g., "Moonrise Kingdom") has inspired Avallone.

The Philadelphia producer-director's 2016 documentary "Ghostheads" is all about the loud cult of intense fandom for Murray's 1984 "Ghostbusters."

Avallone chuckled just thinking about his favorite Murray moments in films such as "Scrooged" and "What About Bob?".

For all those, however, it is the near-mythological tales of Murray sightings, real and imagined, that got to him.

"It was after we wrapped shooting on 'I Am Santa Claus' [2014's doc on a year in the life of five professional bearded Clauses] and before 'Ghostheads' that I began hearing these stories about Bill Murray just ... appearing," Avallone said of a first, famed Philly visitation at Oscar's Tavern in Rittenhouse Square on leave from his son's wedding. "That drop-in seemed unlikely; but then again, why not?"

From there, the tales came fast-and-furious: Murray visits Austin during South by Southwest and hits up a handful of house parties. Murray sends a plate of wild rice to a Charleston restaurant table filled with women with the caveat, "Don't gobble it." Murray crashes an engagement party and gets his photo taken with the betrotheds. Murray hangs out with Scandinavian students in Scotland and washes dishes.

"This thing where Bill Murray would just walk up behind strangers, put his hands over their eyes and whisper, 'No one will ever believe you,'" before disappearing," Avallone said. "Whether that's ever happened or not, true or not, that's the mythology we wanted to capture. The story was the point."

Like following the trail of the rumored legendary Bigfoot ("That's why that image is on our poster — Murray is our Bigfoot."), Avallone and his small crew have, so far, filmed over 20 interviews between Philly, Austin, Charleston and — not so long ago — London and St. Andrews, Scotland, the home of the late-night dishwashing escapade.

"I've never had the opportunity to travel to Europe. Hunting down the myth of Bill Murray gave me an excuse," Avallone said.

Though a good portion of post-production is at hand, Avallone continues to look for the least-known Murray meet-and-greets, "the ones that didn't go viral, and maybe didn't have accompanying photos or videos," said the producer, referring those with tales to TheBillMurrayStories.com and mystory@doublewindsorfilms.com, through Oct. 7. As for the elusive white whale that is Murray, Avallone is ready for that guy too. "I always loved his movies, but it's him — a character beyond his flicks — that would be fun to hook up with."

Philly filmmaker Tommy Avallone is on a quest to document the quirky behavior of Bill Murray. PROVIDED

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Artist Robert Morgan draws a portrait of Marlowe, 9.

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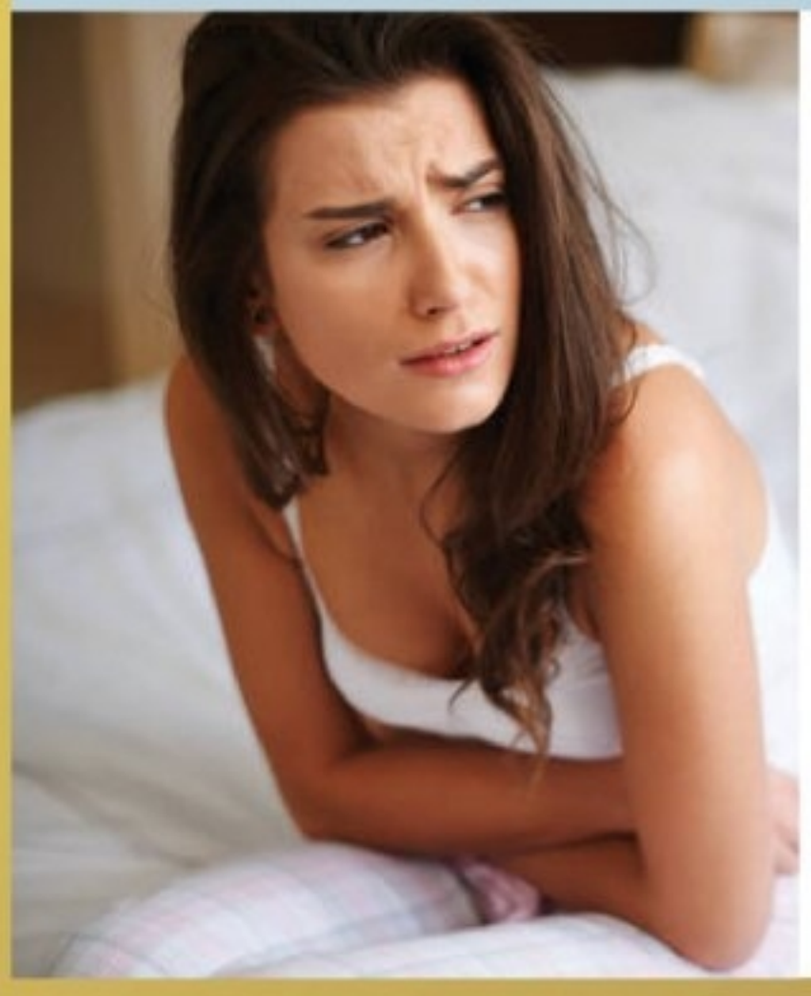

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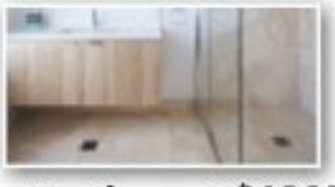

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How four women are working to get young girls interested in STEM

At the Cracking the Code forum in Boston, four women in different careers explained their efforts for the cause.

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What do a children's book author, an entrepreneur, the CEO of Girl Scouts of the USA and a director at the Museum of Science in Boston have in common?

They're all working on ways to get young girls more involved in science, technology, engineering and math.

Referred to as STEM, these fields are a key part of our future, specifically when it comes to new jobs and careers. And yet, young girls and women are still facing barriers to enter these areas.

That's why the four women from the variety of careers listed above came together in Boston recently for a forum called Cracking the Code: The Next Generation of Women in STEM, hosted by the Atlantic.

"A recent study showed that girls at 6, 7 years old already start thinking that boys are better at STEM then they are. That suggests to me that we are starting way, way, way too late," children's author Andrea Beaty said at the forum. "Being comfortable with ideas of exploration has to become part of their DNA, so that when they get to school, they hit the ground running joining [STEM] programs."

In Beaty's books, main characters are in STEM fields, like "Rosie Revere, Engineer" and "Ada Twist, Scientist." She has a background in science herself and only began writing children's books once she had kids of her own.

"I don't think about these books as being about engineering and science, but about perseverance and curiosity," she said.

For Ayah Bdeir, founder and CEO of littleBits, that curiosity was important in her own path toward STEM. Growing up in Beirut, Lebanon, she always tinkered and took things apart. Her company puts electronic toys into kids' hands so that they can build things, beyond what Legos allow.

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kids to participate in and imagine that world… is you would give them these static building blocks," she said. "The world is changed now, it's interactive, algorithmic; kids have to be technology savvy, [so] we equip them with building blocks that capture technology, lights, sound, Wi-Fi, bluetooth, that are programmable — all the things they see around them."

Suzanne Harper, director of the Girl Scouts' National STEM Strategy, has helped implement new STEM badges young scouts can earn, like mechanical engineering, robotics and cybersecurity badges.

"I love the job because not only are we creating programs for girls that will interest them in STEM, but every day I get to watch the future being invented," she said.

Christine Cunningham, founder and director of the Museum of Science's Engineering is Elementary initiative, is seeing that future form before her eyes, as well. While getting a bachelor's in science, she saw women leaving STEM and realized it wasn't connected to women's abilities, but how the fields were presented and taught.

"I decided that it was time to bring engineering down from just being at a collegiate level to younger grades. You have to get them before they're socialized [to think] they can't do it," she said. "We're natural engineers — watch any 3-year-old play, build sand castles and forts. We naturally solve problems, and we've educated that out of kids."

At the museum, she hears 4-year-olds calling themselves engineers.

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Keeping Up with *the Konspiracies*

Keeping up with the Kardashian-Jenners (and their inner circle) has proved to be no easy feat. In the last couple of weeks, news has broken that Scott Disick — ex-partner of eldest sister Kourtney — is romancing 19-year-old Sophia Richie — sister to Nicole, and childhood friend of Kendall and Kylie Jenner; Kylie herself may or may not be pregnant with boyfriend Travis Scott — who once dated Rihanna and counts Kim's husband Kanye West as a mentor; and now Khloe — who once dated Matt Kemp, after Rihanna did — is expecting with her boyfriend, Tristan Thompson. There's a lot happening.

To make the family's near-incestuous relationships more straightforward, we've created a Kardashian Web of — dare we say? — Konspiracies. Except it's not conspiracies as much as diving right into see how every semi-famous person fits in the Kardashian-Jenner brand. **METRO**

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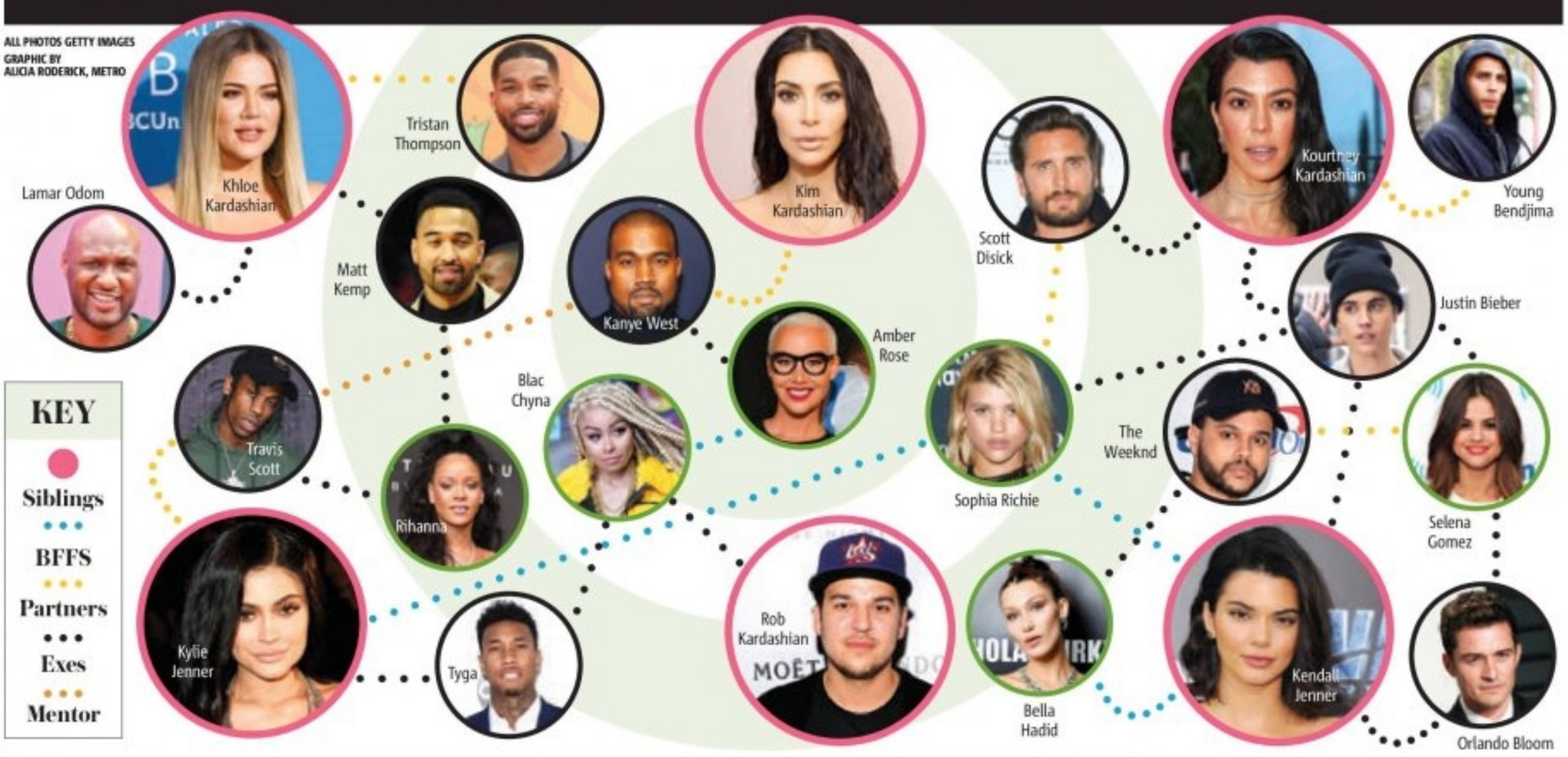

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‘Curb Your Enthusiasm’ season nine starts

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And Trump’s officially banned from the “script.”

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Millions of Americans struggled the day after the 2016 presidential election. They not only found themselves face-to-face with a terrifying new POTUS, but also had to deal with a reality-TV star president after six long years without “Curb Your Enthusiasm” — a cruel double whammy.

Larry David, Jeff Garlin, Susie Essman and the rest of the cast and crew of “Curb” were in the same boat as production on season nine started Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2016 — the day after Election Day.

The cast of “Curb.”
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Metro spoke to Larry David at the premiere of the new season and quizzed him on the mood on set that fateful morning.

“It wasn’t quite what we had anticipated. But what are you going to do? The cameras are rolling, and you’ve got to act,” he said.

Considering the fact that dialogue on “Curb Your Enthusiasm” is entirely improvised by its cast, there was always a chance that Trump would pop up in conversation.

But when I asked David whether any of the episodes actually include any references to the commander in chief, he insisted they don’t.

“No, no, no. We don’t really deal with too many political things. That’s not really what the show does,” he said.

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Wyatt Cenac is fighting gentrification one web series at a time

From a completely objective and not at all biased standpoint, Wyatt Cenac is very swoonworthy. It certainly doesn't hurt that the Brooklyn-based comedian has done it all: sitcoms, political satire and Grammy-nominated standup specials included.

But just when you think the 41-year-old is going to go bigger, he surprises you. Cenac has a web series-slash-tersely worded love letter to Brooklyn called "aka Wyatt Cenac" premiering Oct. 3. In his directorial debut, he plays masked vigilante The Viceroy, who is battling (and at times protecting) gentrified Brooklyn.

We chatted with the Fort Greene resident about Brooklyn bars, the end of his weekly Brooklyn series, Night Train, and, you know, white supremacy.

Wyatt Cenac's popular standup series ends next month. GETTY IMAGES

"AKA Wyatt Cenac" is as much an ode to Brooklyn as it is a critique of gentrification. I mean, you guys filmed at Doris. Do you actually go there?
Yeah. I don't go as often as I used to because I realized I could drink at home.

Why drink with people if you can drink alone?
If there's anything I wish they would have taught at college, it would have been: Why drink outside? It's cheaper to just not.

Why did you decide to end Night Train now?
It just felt like a good time. Our final show [Nov. 6] will be five years exactly. The show has been fun ... but at some point, it feels like something you should pass on.

You have other stuff going on, like "aka Wyatt Cenac" — are you more drawn to one form of comedy over another?
When I write, it tends to be a bit more topical. With Night Train ... what was great was doing topical things but in this weird variety-show way.

I feel like comedy now has to be topical. White supremacy is making a comeback.
Not to say we should just relax, but these things tend to be a little cyclical. I don't know if I'd say white supremacy is making a comeback, exactly. It's just a little sloppier than it used to be.

So as a comedian, how do you create a space for humor when the world is depressing?
We've been here before. To keep it in perspective [is helpful], but there's also more to life than the weird, strange things that happen to us on a daily basis. You can't get so caught up in that aspect of it. It's just going to paralyze you.

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Mika Brzezinski wants you to Know Your Value

Brzezinski has been fighting the good fight for women's equality. MILLER HAWKINS, MSNBC.

The co-host of MSNBC's "Morning Joe" will host her annual workshop in NYC on Oct. 30.

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In her free time away from co-hosting MSNBC's "Morning Joe," Mika Brzezinski has been fighting the good fight. Since the release of her book "Knowing Your Value" in 2012, she has been very candid about her quest for a level playing field for women in the workplace. Her inspiration came from taking on the powers that be after years of going along with business as usual. "It was my own struggle, at 40 years old, to speak for myself in my own contract negotiations with MSNBC," says Brzezinski, "so I wrote a book about it."

With the book's wild success, she decided to start an annual Know Your Value conference in New York City. This year's all-day event will consist of workshops, interactive panels, and training that is "designed to empower women in their personal and professional lives." Also on hand will be some pretty impressive A-list speakers, including actress Sarah Jessica Parker, Martha Stewart, "CBS Sunday Morning" anchor Jane Pauley and many others.

One of the big events at this year's conference will be the "Grow Your Value Bonus Competition" that will select three women from the tristate area to make presentations to Brzezinski and the rest of the panelists for the chance of winning a $5,000 bonus. Finalists will be chosen through video submissions that show "what it is you bring to the table." Each of the three chosen will be flown to New York City and given makeovers and assigned special coaches for their presentations. The deadline for entries to this competition is Monday, Oct. 8, so don't miss your chance!

It is clear to see how empowering an event like this can be. But why is it so important in the age of Trump? "I feel like in the age of Trump this is not just valuable, it's vital" says Brzezinski. "In some ways, we've been set back terribly, but we don't have to let that happen," she says. "We have to step up our voices, and we have to step up together. … Taking it a step further than resisting. Learning how to lead and grow and stay in for the long haul in the workforce."

With all of this talk about empowering women in the face of workplace adversity, how has life changed on set after news broke of Brzezinski and co-host Joe Scarborough's wedding next spring?

"Strangely enough, for me, it hasn't been an issue at all," she says. After celebrating 10 years of doing "Morning Joe" every day with her future husband, Brzezinski attributes the great work environment to how much of a "well-oiled machine" the show has become.

"I don't know if I would say you should work with the person you're going to marry and be with that person 24 hours a day, seven days a week. I think that's more challenging than any office dynamic," says Brzezinski. "I never thought I'd be on a show where I'd say I love everybody I'm on the show with, but I am. It's really fun!"

The Know Your Value conference will take place Oct. 30 at NYC's the Grand Hyatt. Brzezinski will also be re-releasing the original book in spring 2018 and publishing two more books in her "Know Your Value" series in fall 2018.

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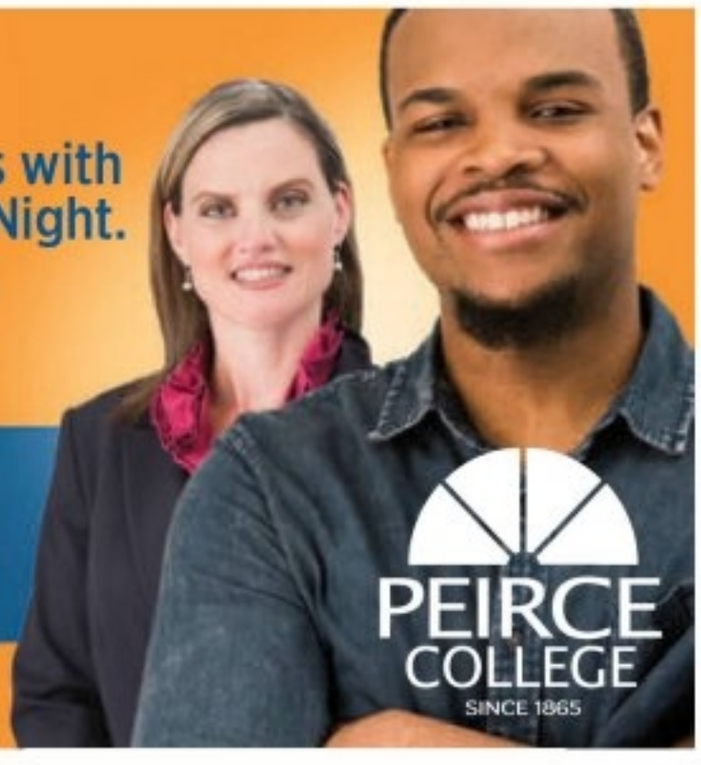

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Meet your future boss

NFTE's Summer Startup Investment Panel proves it's never too early to start your business.

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How young is too young to start your business? Who's to say that your first idea isn't the idea that will catapult you into early success? That's exactly what NFTE (Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship) wants to find out with its yearly Startup Summer program.

This program pairs aspiring business tycoons with mentors for an eight-week program to help them fine-tune their business plans for the opportunity to attract investors to actualize their ideas.

This year's program culminated Sept. 20th in New York for NFTE's Startup Summer Investment Panel. The main event for this panel rounded up three driven teens to have them pitch their business ideas to a distinguished panel of judges for the chance to earn a piece of a $10,000 prize. You could call it "Teen Shark Tank."

The panel of judges for this event were David Heath, co-founder and CEO of Bombas; Jonathan D. Harber, co-founder of StartEd; Shabnam Rezaei, co-founder and president of Big Bad Boo Studios and Oznoz.com; Julie Shin, head of strategic operations and innovative productivity at Citi; and Dominic Brewer, the Gale and Ira Drukier dean of New York University Steinhardt.

The first of the three teen entrepreneurs who presented that evening was Eddie Andujar, a 10th grader from the Chelsea Career & Technical Education High School. His company, ThunderNYC, makes personalized laser-engraved skateboards. His presentation was casual, and at times hilarious, with his main hook to the judges being his low cost and higher-quality decks than some of the larger brands on the market.

Next up was Stefanie Nelson, a 12th grader from the Business of Sports School, whose company, Superior, is trying to create a central conference in NYC so coaches and scouts from the top schools in the country can see some of the city's best high school softball prospects.

The last entrepreneur of the night was Cheyenne Sookoo, a graduate of Brooklyn High School of the Arts. Her pitch was for her company, Events on Canvas, which started as a way for her to express her artistic creativity as a party favor at corporate and private events. Sookoo's company provides a service in which she, and eventually a team of trained employees, create oil paintings on the spot at events where guests can engage with the artists while they work.

NFTE's Summer Startup Investment Panel presenters: Sookoo (left), Andujar (center) and Nelson (right). ANDREA AND ASSOCIATES.

After their pitches, the judges were given a few minutes to grill each presenter about possible hiccups in their business plans. At the end, the judges left the room to decide how the start-up capital would be divided among the companies.

During this time, four more young entrepreneurs gave quick one-minute "elevator pitches" to win $500 to help get their businesses off the ground. The audience texted in their votes and crowned Felix Santos, a 12th grader from the Business of Sports School, and his youth-centric online employment site, InstaJob, the winner.

Finally, the moment of truth came as the judges named Cheyenne Sookoo and her company, Events on Canvas, the winner. She was awarded the most of the prize money: $6,000. Andujar and Nelson were each awarded $2,000 ,and all three of these newly christened CEOs left the event with some priceless advice from the night's judges.

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FOOTBALL SHOULD NOT OFFER ESCAPE FROM POLITICS

The NFL, as a microcosm of American culture, should be a political sounding board. GETTY IMAGES

OPINION

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On Sunday afternoon, the protests continued.

And across the country, millions of NFL fans complained that they just want their football back.

On both sides of the political spectrum, football fanatics aren't eager to take a dose of politics with their weekly football fix — and it's understandable why. Sports are an escape. They are a distraction. They are, in reality, a slice of American culture and everything the flag and national anthem stand for.

"I think our players understand our fans don't want to go to a game and watch a protest," Steelers president Art Rooney II said this week. "And I think our players prefer to just go out on the field and play football."

Sorry, Mr. Rooney, but Americans today don't deserve to have an escape.

Donald Trump, as he has done since his scandal-ridden administration began, is hurling racially driven distractions and for once it is a good thing.

The flag that is in the background during demonstrations across the country — which stands for the cradle of freedom and democracy — also flew over a divided nation struggling with slavery. It flew over a nation that decided to displace and eventually exterminate an entire race of Native Americans. It flew over a nation that created Jim Crow and ridiculed anyone who didn't have power. It flies today.

The NFL is a fundamental part of America in the 21st century, and is not immune to the incredible unrest bellowing from every crack and crevasse in this country. And that's precisely why Colin Kaepernick took a knee last fall — can't get an NFL job, and dozens of other players like Malcolm Jenkins and Michael Bennett demonstrated in his stead this year.

NFL players, the ones being criticized for being too affluent to have any interest in standing up for the poor and the prejudiced are making sacrifices just like any other American. They pay more taxes than you, and have a livelihood at risk by demonstrating.

A true democracy talks to itself. It informs itself and challenges itself.

So no, you cannot have your NFL free from any ties to reality. Just like baseball fans in the '40s didn't want to watch an African-American play America's past time. The NFL is America. And this is what America looks like.

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3 Things we saw as Eagles run over Chargers in LA

The Eagles' offense held the ball and showed it knew what to do with it in an impressive West Coast win Sunday.

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The Eagles have taken advantage of facing back-to-back winless squads. GETTY IMAGES

Both the Eagles' offense and defense looked at times unstoppable. And at times futile and weak.

And even though they relented some ugly, costly and potentially detrimental big plays throughout their 26-24 victory over the Chargers on Sunday, the grit and effectiveness of a balanced offense shone through. Philly iced the game thanks to a methodical time consuming drive at the end of the game that held on to the ball and the lead.

The Eagles ran the ball 42 times for 214 yards, led by 136 yards for LeGarrette Blount and also earned 242 through the air on the arm of Carson Wentz, in the game in front of what sounded like a home crowd at the Stubhub Center. The defense, a patchwork with several key players still injured, did just enough to lift them to 3-1.

Here are three things we saw in Week 4:

1 Third-down thunder

The best team on third down in football heading into the game, Philly converted 9-of-16 opportunities in an impressive offensive display of control. Wentz lobbed a beautiful 36-yard pass to Nelson Agholor after stepping up in traffic on a key third down, leading two plays later to a eight-yard Alshon Jeffery

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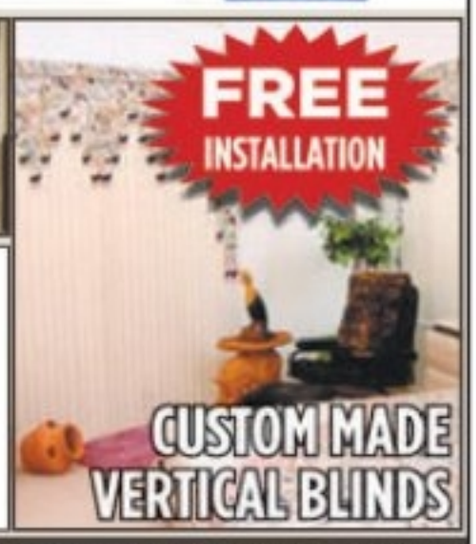

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touchdown reception. The Eagles also ran the ball with confidence on third down, continuing the success they saw a week ago rushing the ball 39 times against the Giants.

In the second, Wentz again found Wendell Smallwood on a 12-yard scamper to convert a key third down, putting Philly in field goal range to set up Jake Elliott's third field goal, and extend the team's lead to 16-7.

Later in the third, after failing on third down, Wentz lunged forward to convert on fourth and one. The risky conversion led to another Elliott three-pointer and a nine-point lead.

A combination Chargers big plays and three-and outs and Eagles offensive consistency led to a big time of possession advantage, yet again, putting the Birds firmly atop the NFL in the statistic — one that former head coach Chip Kelly despised during his time here. The Eagles also had 26 first downs and had the ball for nearly 20 more minutes than their opponent, a true west coast offense in L.A.

2 Still vulnerable Birds

Wentz leads the NFL in fumbles over the last two seasons, but also in recovered fumbles. Even so, the quarterback was able to give Elliott his first opportunity to add to the Eagles' early lead after the self-recovered fumble, which he drilled to put Philly up 10-0 after 15 minutes and a second quarter field goal to add three more after a solid but shaky Eagles drive.

The secondary's gaping, Ronald Darby shaped hole was apparent later in the first half, as Rivers connected with Tyrell Williams on a 75-yard bomb to cut Philly's lead to 13-7. Another bomb to Keenan Allen for 49 yards set up a field goal before the half ended.

A third quick strike came in the fourth when Austin Ekeler scored his first career touchdown on a 35-yard touchdown run that closed a Philly lead from nine to two.

And a fourth came on a 50-yard Allen reception that set up a Hunter Henry touchdown catch in the back of the end zone.

3 Rush, rush, rush

Without Fletcher Cox lining up on the defensive line the Birds' didn't miss a beat. In an early show of pass rush dominance, the Eagles' front seven took advantage of incessant pressure on Phillip Rivers early. Chris Long lunged at the Chargers QB behind dislodging the ball, which Philly recovered.

The Eagles pressure was effective in pressuring Rivers and forcing more than a half dozen passes thrown away as he scampered out of the tackle box.

They rushed in another way too, as the Eagles, led by Blount and his 68-yard Thor-like powerful run in the fourth. Blount's highlight-reel run led to an eventual Smallwood touchdown run to put the team's lead back to two possessions.

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Week 4 in the NFL was nearly as bizarre as Week 3 as the Cowboys and Patriots were upset at home and the Jets — of all teams — continued to play well. A glance at Week 4:

Rams 35, Cowboys 30
The Rams' 31-year-old head coach, Sean McVay, looks like a wunderkind as he got his team to a 3-1 mark this season courtesy of a monumental win in Arlington, Texas, over the Cowboys. Todd Gurley was otherworldly for the visitors in this one as he rushed for 121 yards on 23 carries and caught seven balls for 94 yards and a touchdown. The Rams defense limited Dallas to just six points in the second half.

Panthers 33, Patriots 30
The Patriots entered Week 4 with the worst statistical defense in the NFL and that theme remained true against Carolina. The Pats defense allowed Cam Newton to look like Cam Newton again for the first time this season as the former league MVP threw for 316 yards with three TDs and one INT. Newton also rushed for 44 yards and a touchdown in the Panthers' stunning road victory.

Jets 23, Jaguars 20
The Jets' "Suck for Sam [Darnold]" campaign is not going as planned as New York won for the second time in as many weeks. The Jets are getting the job done with strong defense and a stout rushing attack as they held Blake Bortles to 140 yards passing and Bilal Powell busted out for 163 yards on the ground.

Saints 20, Dolphins 0
Miami endured a brutal European vacation as it was shutout by the Saints, 20-0 in London. Drew Brees totally outclassed Jay Cutler as he threw for 268 yards and two touchdowns without an interception. Cutler finished the contest with just a 71.1 passer rating, throwing a pick without a TD pass. Cutler finished the day with only 164 yards passing.

Bills 23, Falcons 17
The easiest bet in pro sports has been to bet the Patriots to win the AFC East at the start of each NFL season. Don't look now, but the Bills are in first place with a 3-1 record after stunning the previously unbeaten Falcons in Atlanta. The Bills picked off Matt Ryan twice and held Devonta Freeman to 58 yards rushing in the victory.

Lions 14, Vikings 7
The Lions scored 11 points in the third quarter via a Matt Prater 37-yard field goal and an Ameer Abdullah three-yard TD run and subsequent 2-point conversion and it was good enough to dump the Vikings in Minnesota. The Vikings scored just once all game in the defensive struggle when Dalvin Cook ran in from five yards out.

Steelers 26, Ravens 9
The Steelers defense had its way with Joe Flacco Sunday as it forced a pair of interceptions and sacked him four times. Le'Veon Bell dominated as he carried the ball a whopping 35 times for 144 yards and pair of touchdowns. The Steelers led, 19-0, at the half and it never got much better for Baltimore.

Texans 57, Titans 14
Look out, the Texans have a quarterback. For the second straight week, Deshaun Watson looked legit and then-some as against Tennessee he threw four touchdown passes and was picked off just once. Watson also had a rushing touchdown. Titans QB Marcus Mariota left the game with a hamstring injury.

Todd Gurley dominated the Cowboys on Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

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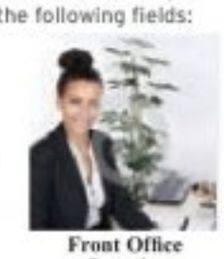
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43 Tito's surname
44 Do magazine work
46 Followed orders
48 Chore
50 Fridge maker
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58 Hired thug
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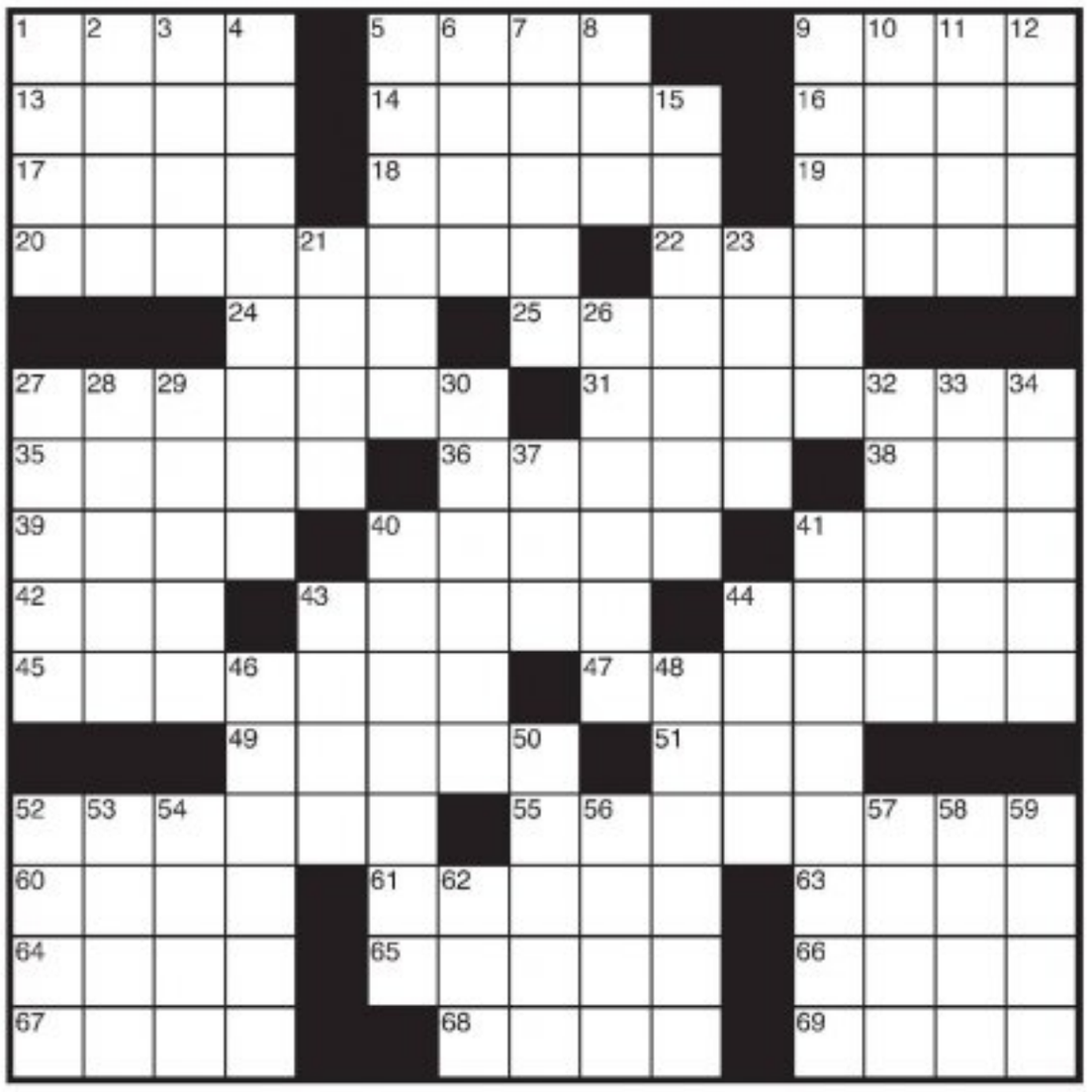
62 Lily, to Pierre



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Aries Change will lead to uncertainty. You are best off remaining silent and being observant until you have a clear picture of what's taking place.

Taurus Helping others will bring you satisfaction. Dealing with children or a loved one should be a priority. Offering affection will bring you closer to people who count.

Gemini Protect against heartache and poor health. Emotional and physical problems due to stress or difficult relationships are best dealt with openly and honestly.

Cancer Do what feels right and avoid listening to someone who is negative or critical. Explore new interests and develop ideas that will allow you to use your creativity.

Leo Put more into building a strong financial and emotional future. Do your best to be responsible by living within your means. Lessen stress by lowering your overhead.

Virgo A steady pace will help you stay on top of your responsibilities. Look for unique ways to handle your relationships with others. Compromise will be worth your while.

Libra Take part in events that will put you where the action is, encourage you to share ideas and make the effort to get things done.

Scorpio You will be offered favors if you are creative when explaining what you want and the best way to work to reach your goal.

Sagittarius Think twice before you share your thoughts or make a move. Dealing with siblings or children will be emotionally difficult. Don't lose sight of your objective.

Capricorn Don't let an impulse get the better of you. Take your time and be rational and level-headed when making decisions that could influence your personal beliefs and integrity.

Aquarius Emotions will surface if someone tries to take advantage of you. Use your intelligence to counter manipulation of any kind. Trust in yourself.

Pisces Let your creativity flow. Show compassion for those less fortunate, and offer suggestions that will give others hope. Your input will result in satisfaction. EUGENIA LAST

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